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The Honorable Michael A. Shipp  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court for the District of New Jersey  
Clarkson S. Fisher Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse  
402 East State Street  
Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Re: United States v. Eric G. Hafner  
Crim. No. 19-790 (MAS)

Dear Judge Shipp:

The parties respectfully submit this letter regarding the status of the admissibility of the text messages pertaining to Counts Thirty-Two and Thirty-Three of the Indictment. Pursuant to the defendant's request, the government redacted a number of the text message communications that defendant viewed as highly prejudicial. While the defense maintains its objection to the admissibility of these text messages as originally stated in defendant's brief and argument in opposition to the government's motion *in limine*, the defense now agrees that, if admissible, the redactions to the text messages satisfy the Court's concern regarding prejudice to the defendant.

Respectfully submitted,

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